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STATUS REPORT – NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM'S PLANS TO TRANSFER COUNTY HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF VEHICLES PRIOR TO ANY DISPOSITION

On November 6, 2007, your Board approved the termination of the County Collections Agreement with the Petersen Automotive Museum Foundation and ordered the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on the Natural History Museum's (NHM) plans to assess the County-owned historic automotive vehicles before any cars are sold, or are proposed to be sold. Since that date, NHM has proceeded with moving the County Collection vehicles to new County-leased space. New loan agreements have been signed for the seven vehicles that will remain at the Petersen Automotive Museum.

At this time, approximately 30 vehicles (out of the approximately 61 vehicles that will be moved) have been successfully transferred to the new space. The move is progressing at a deliberate pace because it was determined that the vehicles had been infested with insects and required fumigation prior to being moved. Subsequent to the last Status Report, asbestos was detected in three of the early-era vehicles. It has been determined that asbestos abatement should be completed in these vehicles before completing the transfer of the remaining vehicles to the new space. An asbestos abatement vendor will be determined by a competitive bidding process.

Upon completing the asbestos abatement, the fumigation, and transfer of all of the remaining vehicles, the NHM staff will begin a thorough assessment of the Collection to be presented to your Board. The next status report will be provided within 90 days.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the status report, please contact Robert Moran at (213) 974-1130, or via email at rmoran@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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